(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) to (c) A representation was received in this regard. Sixth Pay Commission is not proposed to be constituted at this juncture due to the financial implication involved.

Infrastructure gap in States

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Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Planning Commission has advocated the need for collective and concerted efforts between the Central and State Governments to bridge the critical gaps in infrastructure;

(b) if so, whether according to the Planning Commission this would help in creating investor friendly environment in backward States, as transfer of additional resources alone would not be able to address their problems;

(c) if so, to what extent these suggestions have been accepted by both the Central and State Governments; and

(d) the steps being taken to implement them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. The Planning Commission has recognised that, transfer of additional resources alone would not be able to address the problems of the backward States and advocated the need for collective and concerted efforts between the Central and the State Governments to bridge the critical gaps in infrastructure and create investor friendly environment in those States. Towards achieving this objective the Central Government has launched, from time to time, several infrastructure developmental schemes such as: Accelerated Power Development and Reforms Programme (APDRP), Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme (AIBP), Rashtriya Sam Vikas Yojana (RSVY), National Urban Renewal Mission, etc. Under these schemes funds are allocated by the Central Government and States are encouraged to undertake necessary policy and/ or institutional reforms. The Government has also set up **a** "Committee on Infrastructure" and another on "Rural Infrastructure" under the Chairmanship of Prime Minister to address all infrastructure related issues comprehensively.